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National Scrip Collectors Association

The **National Scrip Collectors Association** was officially organized on October 21, 1972 in Fayetteville WV. The objective of the organization is to promote the collection of coal company scrip and related tokens, to cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens, and to encourage the study and research of the history of coal mining companies as it relates to the usage of scrip tokens. The scope of the **NCSA** includes tokens from other industries, as well, such as lumber, phosphate, hard rock, limestone, copper, gold & silver, brick & clay, cotton & textile, paper, iron & steel, agricultural, and others.

The ***Scrip Talk*** newsletter welcomes reader submissions on the history of scrip and the related industries that used it. Feel free to submit any ideas, articles or photography that would be of interest to our members. We will gladly credit contributors and, upon request, return submitted items. You may use the mailing address below, or to e-mail information to: *ktraube@suddenlink.net.*

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Spring Scrip Show

April 18 & 19, 2008

Beckley, West Virginia

This is it, folks! If you haven't made your plans and phoned in your room reservation, shame on you! There's still time, though, to attend the NSCA Spring Scrip Show.

As fine a collection of scrip to be bought, sold, or traded anywhere in the world will be available, as well as an opportunity to share the weekend with the people who know as much [or more!] about scrip as anyone, anywhere.

The show begins Friday evening, the 18th, with the club banquet at 6, and continues until we're tuckered out. Then back at it again bright and early on Saturday morning.

Bring your wish list—that piece you've been looking for all these years just might be waiting for you there!

Activities will be at the Beckley, WV, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites. The facility is located less than 1 mile west of I-77/64 at the Harper Road exit; Exit 44. For room reservations: 304/252-2250 or 866/270-5110. Mention the ***NSCA***.

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Well, folks, it's a bit of a baby step at this point, but the **National Scrip Collectors Association** is now on-line with its own website! If you haven't already guessed , you can visit it at this address: *www.NationalScripCollectors.com.*

The site is already serving several purposes. It is a way for established scrip collectors, as well as coin collectors and even newcomers to the numismatic world, to discover the **NSCA**. We have already received inquiries from several potential new members as they discovered the site.

Another benefit of having a presence on-line is the preservation of the history of scrip and the knowledge of NSCA members in an accessible location. For example, **Scrip Talk** has been published for decades, but if you joined the NSCA this year you'll never see the articles from past issues. Visit the "Scrip Stories" page on the site to see the beginnings of collecting the cream of those past articles.

NationalScripCollectors.com is also a wonderful opportunity for members to share their knowledge of scrip in a way that increases the community pool of knowledge, preserves the stories that only they may know, and influence the further development of the hobby.

Please share your ideas, articles, and suggestions. Send them to ktraube@suddenlink.net, and help our club site become the online destination for scrip collecting & information.

Appalachian Scrip & Token Show

The Appalachian Scrip & Token *Buy, Sell, & Trade Show* will be at Perry Memorial United Methodist Church in Shady Spring, WV, on Saturday, May 24; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a friend—everyone is welcome!

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NEW FINDS

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Listed above are the recently cataloged NEW FINDS. As mentioned previously, I keep computer generated pictures as well as the aluminum foils submitted by club members.

As we all know, it is exciting to discover an unlisted token. It is even more exciting if the mine/company store is not listed in either TRANTOW or EDKINS. This recently happened to me. I purchased a WESTERN SUPPLY, BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA DIME. As I was inserting this token in my book, I noticed that I already had a quarter from this mine. Therefore I am reporting two new finds from this location. Benwood is a small town near Wheeling, WV. I contacted my friend, Sam Oelschlager, who is a life-long resident of this area, to see if he could give me any information about this token. Sam helped me in the past when I needed help relative to a token from Glendale, WV.

Sam was able to provide me plenty of history. This token is from a mine/company store located in Benwood, WV, that was owned by Wheeling Steel Corporation. This mine was located almost adjacent to Wheeling Steel's steel mill. On April 28, 1924 an explosion killed 119 miners. Sam sent me copies of newspaper coverage of the explosion that he found in a local library. The description of the explosion was indescribable. Timbers were hurled against unmined coal and reduced to splinters. The roof had fallen and large boulders were shoved into the main entries and rocks, gigantic in size, were carried long distances down the haul ways. It was determined that a gas caused explosion had occurred. This mine had not been considered gaseous until three months before the explosion. An additional airshaft had been put in and was completed just 60 days prior to the explosion.

Sam also told me his wife's grandfather helped in the rescue efforts. The grandfather was an employee of Wheeling Steel. Sam's mother-in-law commented her father never talked about his experience doing the rescue.

A tragic piece of history.

The G and S Bus Terminal Learns the Harsh Reality of How Scrip Works

The terminal's original letter of inquiry was returned to them with the reply typed on the bottom.

G AND R BUS TERMINAL
GAULEY BRIDGE, W. VA.

September 12 1946.

Semet-Solvay Company,
Longacre, West Virginia.

Dear Sirs:-

We have on hand $63.00 in dollar scrip. Will you please advise when and where to turn this in to your company for the cash.

Thanking you very much,

Yours very truly,
G And R Bus Terminal,

By H. C. Jackson.

cc/hcj

Longacre, West Virginia
September 13, 1946

Mr. H. C. Jackson, Manager
G and R Bus Terminal
Gauley Bridge, West Virginia

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 12, 1946, please be advised that the scrip you have on hand is payable in merchandise <u>only</u> at any of our Merchandise Stores.

Very truly yours,

SEMET SOLVAY COMPANY

NSCA Free Ads for Members

Free Ads are available to N.S.C.A. members at no charge. The only requirements being that they are limited to 4 lines, one ad per issue. You may send up to four different ads in one mailing. Deadline for Free Ads is three weeks after the postmark of the current issue of SCRIP TALK. All ads received after the deadline will be held for the following issue. No ad will rerun automatically, each issue will require a separate request. Paid ads should be sent to SCRIP TALK Editor and NOT the Free Ad Editor. SEND ALL FREE ADS TO: Steve Ratliff, N.S.C.A. Free Ad Editor, 1717 Saint Marys Bay Drive, Milton, Florida 32583-7343 or E-mail Steve@Ratliff.com (Note: + at the end of your ad indicates you need to renew it.)

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TRADE TWO WV COAL TOKENS FOR ONE KY COAL, TN COAL, OR AL COAL. Up to 20 trades. Write: Gene Miller, 3306 Startan Court, Louisville, KY 40220 +

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"KNICKERBOCKER SOCIAL CLUB" G/F $1.00 I/M (zinc, oct, 31 mm) $8.00 + SASE; Andy Bobby 1¢ Wolf Run, OH G/F 1¢ I/M (al., oct., 18 mm) $7.50 + SASE; NRA Member tokens made of red & tan fiber $7.00 for the pair + SASE. Optional Insurance (recommended) Please ad $1.65. Steven Kawalec P.O. Box 4281 Clifton, NJ 07012 owlprowler@aol.com +

WILL PAY $100.00 + SHIPPING for ea. the following North Carolina Dun or Bradstreet: 1913, 1897, 1884 & 1882. Bob King, 709 Cardinal Dr, Brevard, NC 28712 828-883-8028 tokenaddict@citcom.net +

WANTED - ANY COAL SCRIP FROM MUHLENBERG COUNTY, KENTUCKY. Reese Kinney - 270-338-2291 or reeskinney@bellsouth.net +

WANTED: CASCADE 503 - C1 WHITE FIBER SQ. Cassville 505 E 100b from Isaac Comire. Cassville 505 Bunker Supply Co. G-1, G-5, G-10a, and G10b. Send price to: Richard H. Harner, Morgantown Unity Manor, 400 N. Willey Street, Apt. 908, Morgantown, WV 26505 +

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